

## Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A gas-treatment device (2, 2') for use with a tracheostomy tube (1), the device including a housing (20, 20') adapted for connection to the tube, a gas passage (23) in the housing a gas-treatment unit (30,30') mounted with the housing, characterised characterized in that the gas-treatment unit (30,30') is displaceable from a first position in which gas can flow from the tube (1) through the gas-treatment unit (30,30') via the gas passage (23), to a second position in which the gas passage (23) is substantially blocked preventing flow of gas out of the machine end (15) of the tracheostomy tube.
2. (Currently Amended) A gas-treatment device according to Claim 1, characterised characterized in that the gas-treatment unit (30,30') is displaceable by rotation.
3. (Currently Amended) A gas-treatment device according to Claim 1 or 2, characterised characterized in that the gas-treatment unit (30) remains in the first or second position unless manually displaced.
4. (Currently Amended) A gas-treatment device according to Claim 1 any one of the proceeding claims, characterised characterized in that the gas-treatment unit (30) includes a projection (35) accessible at an end of the housing (20) by which the gas-treatment unit (30) can be displaced.
5. (Currently Amended) A gas-treatment device according to Claim 1 or 2, characterised characterized in that the device includes a resilient member (131) arranged to displace the gas-treatment unit (30') to a first position when released.
6. (Currently Amended) A gas-treatment device according to Claim 1 any one of the proceeding claims, characterised characterized in that the gas-treatment unit (30, 30') is cylindrical.

7. (Currently Amended) A gas-treatment device according to Claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims, characterised characterized~~ in that the gas-treatment unit (30, 30<sup>a</sup>) includes an HME element (32, 33).
8. (Currently Amended) A gas-treatment device according to Claim 6 ~~Claims 6 and 7, characterised characterized~~ in that the gas-treatment unit (30, 30<sup>a</sup>) includes an HME element (32 and 33) at opposite ends.
9. (Currently Amended) A gas-treatment device according to Claim 7 or 8, ~~characterised characterized~~ in that the or each HME element (32, 33) is of a treated paper.
10. (Currently Amended) A tracheostomy tube assembly including a tracheostomy tube (1) and a gas-treatment device (2, 2<sup>a</sup>) according to Claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ connected at the machine end (15) of the tube.